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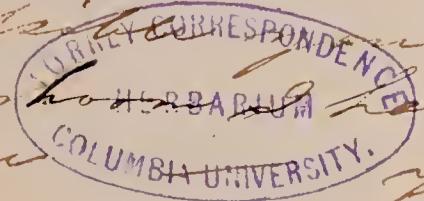
Dr. John Torrey



Dear Dr.

As the nomination

of Officers for the Horticultural Society takes place next Tuesday week, I have with the advice of one or two other members, taken the liberty of writing to you, to ask you if you would be willing to accept the office of President of the Society. It is as you are well aware, in a drooping state, we want some person to take the lead and enter into it with heart & hand and we do not see any person better qualified for it than yourself. The Society which at one time could muster 40 or 50 at a meeting can now with difficulty ^{only} get a quorum of 7 once a month. Without pretending to know anything of your professional engagements, I think you could spare at least one Tuesday evening in each month, the last Tuesday evening in each month being the only one at which the President is expected to be present, except at special meetings which are few. A few of us intend having a private meeting next week to talk over affairs and should you be in town it will give us pleasure if you will attend at the Lyceum on Tuesday evening. By returning my answer to this at as early an opportunity as possible you will oblige some of your friends of whom one



Yours

James. Stagg

